

7-28-1969

Evangelical Visitor - July 28, 1969 Vol. LXXXII. No. 15.

John E. Zercher

Follow this and additional works at: <https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor>Part of the [History of Religion Commons](#), and the [Religion Commons](#)Permanent URL: <https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor/2095>**Recommended Citation**Zercher, John E., "Evangelical Visitor - July 28, 1969 Vol. LXXXII. No. 15." (1969). *Evangelical Visitor (1887-1999)*. 2095.<https://mosaic.messiah.edu/evanvisitor/2095>

Sharpening Intellect | Deepening Christian Faith | Inspiring Action

Messiah University is a Christian university of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.

Evangelical VISITOR

July 28, 1969



Editorial Page	2	Homecraft Graduation—Wanezi	6	A Hindu Funeral	10
The Stewardship of the Gospel	3	Ellen Hoover		Jay Whitwill	
Bishop C. B. Byers		New Bible Institute Site	7	College Page	12
Inner-City Turbulence and the Church—Part II	5	Teens at Conference	8	Church News	14
H. G. Hageman		Parent—Child Relationship	9	Religious News	15

CONFERENCE IN PICTURES

Fatigue or Obesity

I recently heard of some members of a congregation who were dissatisfied because in their words "we are not getting fed." What all may have been involved in that statement I do not know. Obviously there was in their minds either a deficiency or an insufficiency in the spiritual diet.

This remark called to mind an experience of some years ago. I had an opportunity to share briefly in a church's program. As I listened to the laymen of that church recount their program I was fatigued. The emphasis was upon action and program to the neglect of biblical study and preaching. I concluded that here was a church overworked and underfed.

In contrast to this experience was another association I had had. This group had long sat under strong expository preaching. This diet of biblical preaching was not accompanied by an equal emphasis upon action. Here was a congregation carrying well worn Bibles which they knew very well. They spent their time discussing doctrines and dispensations and those who did not agree with them. Their principal spiritual activity was attending Bible Conferences and Camp Meetings. My impression of this congregation was that it was overfed and underworked.

Healthy spiritual life calls for the strong meat of the word and the strenuous exercise of obedience. Nourishment comes from hearing the word. Exercise comes from doing it.

Jesus was aware of the spiritual peril that finds satisfaction in hearing and knowing the word but not doing it. He concluded His great sermon by the command: "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only."

He likewise knew the need for nourishment in the Christian life when He gave Peter the thrice repeated commission "Feed my sheep."

If we expect the members to work they need to be fed well. And if they are well fed they had better be worked hard.

Failure to keep the proper balance will result in either spiritual fatigue or spiritual obesity. Either condition could lead to spiritual death.

The unveiling of the official Centennial Emblem as part of the concluding session of the General Conference. Sharing in the unveiling ceremony were Bishop C. B. Byers, Moderator elect for the 1969-1970 Conference year; Rev. P. W. McBeth, Chairman of the General Conference Program Committee; Bishop A. M. Climenhaga, host bishop for the 1970 General Conference; and Bishop Roy V. Sider, Moderator for the 1968-1969 Conference year and the 1969 General Conference.



In recognition of divine blessing upon the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church over the past ninety-nine years, out of a deep gratitude we pause on the threshold of the coming conference year to invoke the blessing of Almighty God as we anticipate the observance in 1970 of the one hundredth annual General Conference.

The year of 1871 began a series of successive General Conferences to the present. The first General Conference had a delegate body in attendance of a possible 30 to 50 people compared to 384 in 1969. The record of the Conference of 1871 covered slightly more than one page while that of 1969 will reach almost 200. These recorded accomplishments and achievements are history. We thank God for each of the Brethren in Christ Church leaders of the century past who served their generation faithfully and well.

At this concluding point in the Ninety-ninth Annual General Conference, I, as the General Conference Secretary, pause to permit the unveiling of the official emblem embodying the identity of the Centennial observance, depicting the official seal of the General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church, and the theme of the Conference year; namely "Christian Doctrine."

I hereby proclaim the General Conference of 1970 the time for the Centennial observance for the Brethren in Christ Church: in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Owen H. Alderfer

General Conference Secretary

EVANGELICAL VISITOR

Volume LXXXII

Number 15

Official Organ of the Brethren in Christ Church, published bi-weekly by Evangel Press, Nappanee, Indiana, to whom subscriptions should be sent.

Editor: John E. Zercher, Box 166, Nappanee, Indiana 46550, to whom all material for publication should be sent.

Editorial Council: John E. Zercher, Editor;

Arthur M. Climenhaga, J. Wilmer Heisey, Owen H. Alderfer, John Arthur Brubaker, Paul Hostetler.


Page Contributors: Board for Missions, Box 149, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022; **Missions Overseas**, Miss Mary C. Kreider; **Missions in America**, Mrs. Maybelle Kanode; **Christian Service Ministries**, J. Wilmer Heisey, Board of Christian Education; **Home**, Mrs. Esther Boyer, 1822 W. Ninth St., Upland, Calif. 91786; **Sunday School**, R. Donald Shafer, Box 127, Nappanee, Ind. 46550; **Youth**, Paul Hostetler, 20 Morgandale Crescent, Agincourt, Ontario. **Pastor's Page**, Arthur M. Climenhaga, 691 Ukiah Way, Upland, California 91786.

Brethren in Christ Publication Board, Inc.: Isaiah B. Harley, Paul E. Witter, Paul E. Hostetler, Lester Fretz, Joseph R. Aiken, H. H. Brubaker, C. N. Hostetler, Jr.

Subscriptions: \$3.50 per year. New subscriptions: \$3.00 per year. Gift subscriptions: \$3.00 per year. Sample copies free.

Mailing label indicates expiration date. Include both old and new addresses with requests for change of address.

Entered as second-class mail at Nappanee, Indiana.

MEMBER  EVANGELICAL PRESS ASSOCIATION

Remarks made upon installation as Moderator of the Centennial General Conference of 1970 to be held at Upland, Calif.

Stewardship of the Gospel

Bishop C. B. Byers

I Peter 4:10 "... as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

We have just closed the 99th Annual General Conference of the Brethren in Christ Church! We now stand on the threshold of a new conference year. In one sense, there is nothing different about another conference year. But in a very real sense there is something new about this conference year of 1969-70. It represents one hundred years of the brethren meeting together in Conference and planning ways and means to fulfill the commission left us by our Lord; and specifically the trust left us by our fathers, who with deep passion and sincere conviction organized the church, now known as the Brethren in Christ.

So actually our work is a stewardship, committed to us. First by Christ Himself and then by the fathers who with courage and faith laid the foundation for our brotherhood nearly two hundred years ago.

The theme of this 99th conference—just now in its closing moments, is "OUTREACH" by being committed to our commission. I pray that as we move on into this One Hundredth General Conference year that the spark lit by this theme will kindle a fire that will not be quenched until there has been sweeping outreach through the efforts and ministry of a host of dedicated Christians.

It is right and fitting that the theme, now adopted for this ensuing conference year, should be DOCTRINE. After nearly two hundred years of church history and now approaching the One Hundredth Annual General Conference, it seems proper that we should do as Paul admonished Timothy, "... give attendance to doctrine." (I Tim. 4:13) Our fathers felt a certain stewardship of the Gospel in



relation to Doctrine. They firmly believed that men were lost sinners and that every person was in need of a Saviour. They preached and believed in holiness of heart and purity of practice. They minced no words nor compromised any principles calling on men to become "disciples of Jesus Christ." They believed without controversy that the word of the Lord stands forever. They believed as stated in our *Manual of Doctrine and Government*, that "The Holy Scriptures as the revelation of God and His will constitute an authoritative standard of truth, a basis for faith, and supreme guide for life and conduct."

I pray that the theme "Doctrine" for this conference year may do at least two things. First, cause examination of our position as to whether we are on course, and second, be the springboard to action for new spiritual conquests in a generation that is ripe for the harvest and filled with unprecedented challenge. This then calls for careful and dedicated stewardship of everything that is at our disposal as a denomination. There is committed to our trust—time, talent, money, and people. We must courageously lead the way in the midst of world confusion, suspicion and doubt. And by God's grace we will.

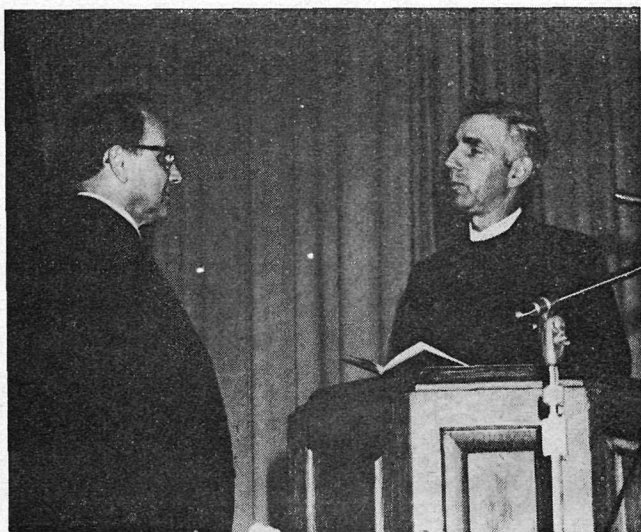
We dare not forget the recommendation of the Director of Evangelism for this conference year—"that it be a year of Empowerment and Enlistment."

While maintaining Sound Doctrine and building firmly on the Word of God "which endures forever" we pray for a fresh and new enduement of the Holy Ghost—a new empowerment for spiritual penetration into this generation. C. M. Ward, in speaking to us last evening, called it "a kind of divine pregnancy that produces new life in the church."

Then there must be new recruits, new enlistment. In an affluent society it tends to be easier to get money to do God's work than men for God's work. "Pray God for labourers for the harvest." We are not dismayed with our times, we are challenged by them.

Therefore let us remember our goals and take a new look at our priorities. It is evident that the hour is urgent and our pace must be quickened. Some one has said that "when the pessimist sees the goal far away he sits down to rest but when the optimist sees the goal far off he quickens his pace." Let us quicken our pace! We move ahead then into this new conference year with Faith in God! Faith in one another! and Faith in the brotherhood!

I pledge to give myself for spiritual advancement in full cooperation with the brethren. I am confident that under God, and despite our differences in certain details, that we shall present a united front in fulfilling the trust committed to us. May God help us!



Retiring Moderator Sider confers the office of Moderator upon Bishop C. B. Byers.

General Conference—

is many things—months of planning; days and nights of work; meeting a plane at Olmstead; assigning a bed at mid-night; managing the snack bar; cleaning restrooms; typing recommendations; ushering in the dining hall. Then there are those related to the administrative process and we picture a few.

Administration

&

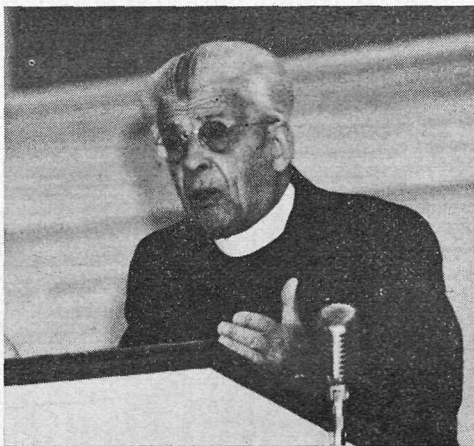
Devotion



The Conference Staff: far left, Luke Keefer, Jr., Reading Clerk; foreground left to right: Glen Hostetter, Assistant Recording Secretary; Glenn Ginder, Compiling Secretary; Eugene Wingert, Recording Secretary; Owen Alderfer, General Conference Secretary; Bishop Roy Sider, Moderator. In the center background is C. N. Hostetter, Jr., Assistant Moderator. Not shown is Lawrence Yoder, Assistant Reading Clerk.



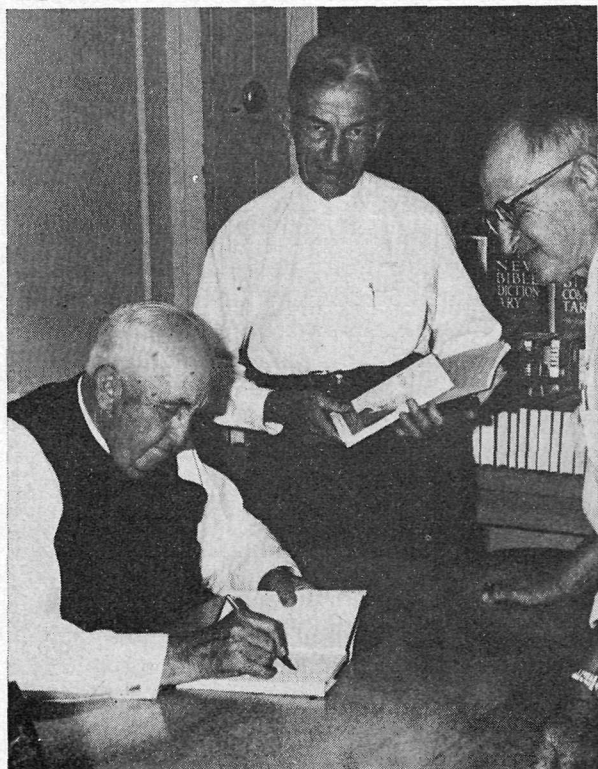
Moderator Sider welcomes C. N. Hostetter, Jr., to the chair as Assistant Moderator.



A. D. M. Dick, the morning worship hour leader, speaking from the College Chapel pulpit.



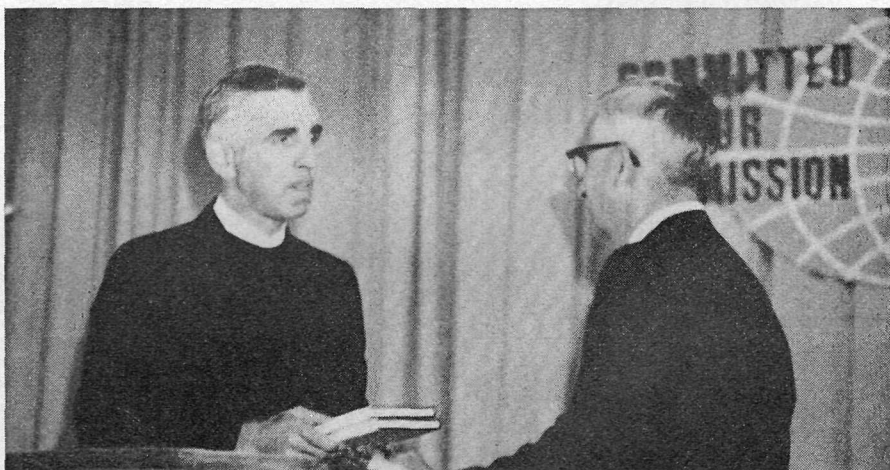
Pages — without which Conference would grind to a halt—conferring on some topic essential to the on-going of the Conference. Left to right: Dale H. Engle, Robert Snyder, and Fred Helmuth.



The author autographing his book for Rev. Carl Stump while Rev. Ohmer Herr awaits his turn.

A Book is Published

My Beloved Brethren, the published memoirs of E. J. Swalm was released at General Conference. This book, written at the urging of his friends and commissioned by the Canadian Regional Conference, was eagerly awaited by the entire church.



Moderator Sider presents the first two copies to Carlton O. Wittlinger, Church Archivist—one copy for the Archives and one as his personal copy.

Inner-City Turbulence and the Church

Howard G. Hageman

(Continued from last issue)

One of the things I do in my ministry in the city is to seek to persuade dedicated Christian young men and women to invade the fields of public education and public welfare, believing that at this level they can be much more effective witnesses for Christ than those coming in from the outside. One of my teachers spends many of her after-school hours visiting in the homes of her pupils, showing personal attention and concern. Many times she is asked (for the contrast between her work and that of the average public-school teacher in our city is apparent) why she does this, takes this kind of time. What, in short, is she trying to sell? What a magnificent opening and how well she has used it! One of my welfare workers spends ten or eleven hours a day on his job. He has even succeeded in starting some Bible study groups in some of the homes of his clients. When it comes to social questions he is on what might be called the left wing and fights for the rights of his clients with a crusading zeal. All the more reason why they will listen to him when he speaks to them of the things of the Spirit.

Where then does the interested and inquiring person go? I have already pointed out the extreme scarcity of evangelical churches in the inner-city. There are to be sure some survivals on the edge of the ghetto or, in my case, in the heart of the city. But I have to say that in my experience attempts to involve inner-city residents in the life of these churches has not been a great success. This is partly the fault of the members of these congregations. Like most Protestants, they have the "club" syndrome and resent any attempted invasion as a threat to their security. But I do not think the fault is entirely on their side. More often than not, the newcomer finds the church strange, perhaps even different culturally, and has almost as much difficulty in accepting the existing congregation as it has in accepting him. Because I firmly believe that Christians have to belong to a church, I think we need to give much more attention to this problem than I am aware is being given. Perhaps the old house church is an answer at which we need to have a much longer look than we have had in many a year.

Sometimes it is possible for new congregations to be organized in the inner-city as a result of our witnessing. I have seen this happen in our own city with some success. I have only one word of caution. We white Protestants have an awful tendency to assume, almost without realizing it, that neither blacks nor Puerto Ricans can manage a church without our supervision. Having established the congregation, therefore, we are very reluctant to let it go but insist upon supplying it with supervisory committees, inspectors, or bosses of some kind, often leaving the final decision making up to them. I know of no better way to hamper and cripple the work of the church in the inner city than to give the impression that only we know what is best for their church. Churches are churches and we are brothers and sisters in Christ. Surely, they will make mistakes. But does anyone seriously suppose that there are

no mistakes made by white congregations with years of tradition behind them?

The longer I live in a city the more I am convinced that concern for the person is something which the Christian community is uniquely able to give. The school teacher in the city often does not know the names of all the members of her over-crowded class. The welfare worker can do his job merely by delivering a computerized check. There is almost no one to listen to the person as a person and hear him. That could be our great opening. I must observe, however, that if it is to be, we Christians will have to learn better manners. So often we have the answers even before we have heard the question. Again I point to Ezekiel who kept still for seven days and listened before he began to speak. The Church could be much more effective in the city if it could only learn how to listen.

The forces of evangelical Protestantism in the inner city are pitifully small and we have really been discussing how they could be strengthened.

There are many very practical suggestions, many of which are already being tried. Suburban white Protestant churches in many cities provide talent for many of the social and community programs of inner-city congregations. In some instances, congregations have been paired so that the suburban parish provides a certain amount of financial support for the parish in the inner city. I am still waiting for a suburban family to leave its congregation and throw in its lot entirely with the church in the inner city. Perhaps that has happened in some places, but I have not heard of it.

One of the great roles of the church in inner-city turbulence, it seems to me, would be helping to dispel the myths by which white middle-class America lives. And yet, so far from this being the case, I even hear ministers of the gospel repeating the myths! And do you know, when I challenged one of them to name his day and spend it with me in Newark's ghetto, he said he was too busy!

Let me now move on to an even more important phase of this situation. Anyone who lives even as far away from the inner-city as I do knows that there is no solution to its problems that is not going to cost money. The improvement of its schools, the replacement of much of its housing, the feeding of its hungry, the training of its jobless—all these things have a price tag attached to them. Manifestly that money can finally come from just one place. Private industry can do and is doing some things; foundations have been generous in their grants. But ultimately the larger part of the bill has to be paid from the public purse. Nor can there be any question that this will put something more on the burdens already being borne by the white middle-class taxpayer.

The building which my congregation occupies sits right in the midst of a large row of tall office buildings and very near the station of a commuter railroad. Sometimes between 4:30 and 5:00 in the afternoon it is literally impossible to stand on the sidewalk in front of the church because of the hordes of people stampeding to make the train, anxious to leave the city. It always strikes me as a

(Continued on page thirteen)

Dr. Hageman is minister of North Reformed Church in Newark, N. J., and a columnist for his denominational weekly periodical *The Church Herald*. He has spent 24 years in his present parish.



The Class of '68.

Homecraft Graduation - Wanezi

Ellen Hoover

How would *you* like to be handed a Homecraft Certificate at the age of 18 years and be told that now you are prepared for life? You have completed eight years of elementary education and now two years of special training in Domestic Science. You are supposed to be equipped to get married or to go find a job if you do not have permission from parents to get married.

You say you want a job? Yes, I know of three places that have asked for working girls and those who are to go there have already been chosen. When another opportunity comes, I'll let you know. While you wait try to find yourself a job . . . Yes, I know most people are not interested in employing girls.

That is the situation that faced 47 girls on December 4, 1968. They were challenged by Mrs. George Bundy to keep climbing, clinging and claiming; but for many the climb will be difficult because they will have to climb alone. One

girl pleaded to be allowed to come a third year because she did not feel like an adult yet.

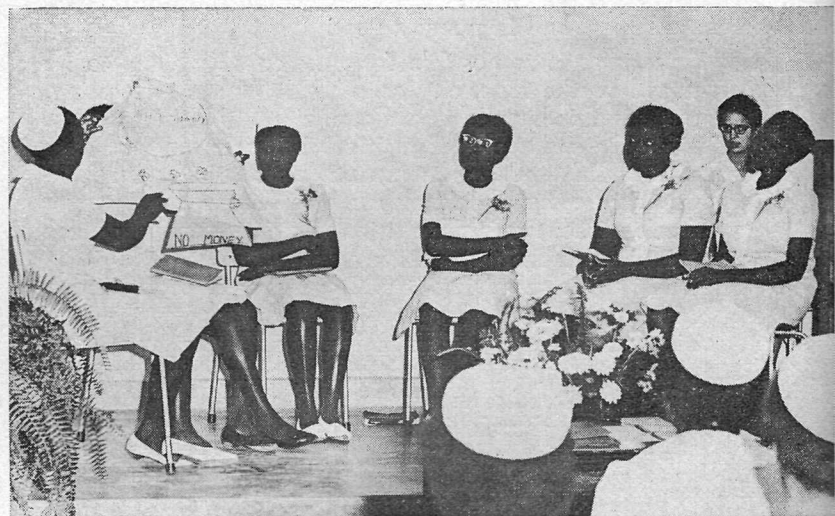
The class of 1968 was an all time high in the history of Wanezi Homecraft which goes back 17 years. The 47 graduates represent 78% of the total class enrolled in January, 1966. For a few previous years it had seemed as though no one was interested in this type of education. In fact there was some talk of closing the school.

On graduation day the girls take part in the morning church service—reading the Scripture, praying, and testifying how the two years of training have helped them spiritually. If the girls remember the words of the song which they sang, "*I am resolved no longer to linger*," we do not have to worry about their going out into sin.

After church the class stood in line to be congratulated by the people and to say farewell to first year girls—with a few tears!



Ellen Hoover, Headmistress, gives out certificates and a small gift. Mrs. Alma (Kumalo) Khabi, a teacher; and I. Kumalo, Principal of Wanezi Secondary School, extend their well wishes.



Mrs. Ndhlovu shows how she learned that a budget helps her to have more money in the bag.

New Bible Institute Site

FIRST CLASSES for second term began at the relocated Bible Institute in the first week of June. We have not called it the Mtshabezi Bible Institute because we understand from correspondence that the name for the Institute has not yet been decided. We await the information!

"The new site is lovely," writes one of the missionaries; "The African builders did a very neat job. We have 30 students—17 young men and 13 girls. Some are excellent students."

On the Practical Side

(From a letter by Anna Graybill)

Our first term closed with a week of visitation in outschool communities. The student body was divided into three groups, each with its staff member.

My eight students and I went to Lufuse. What a never-to-be-forgotten time we had! We had told the students that they would have to be leaders of services, pray, preach, tell children's stories, etc. When the time came for one of the girls to speak in a village, she said, "I don't know what to say." We weren't accepting excuses; I told her she can never go amiss by using John 3:16; and so that's what she did, speaking about two minutes but giving a good little message.

Learning to save their voices—not expending them needlessly in the first meeting or two by very loud speaking, temperance in eating of the bounty which the people supplied, overcoming unreasonable fright at night, answers to prayer—these were some of the lessons the pupils learned by experience.

The people were impressed by the fine Bible School students. Their desire is to have their children serve the Lord as these young people do. We were surprised to get two applicants for Bible School. We found that the other two groups led by the Keefers and Mr. J. Dlodlo respectively, had the same experience.

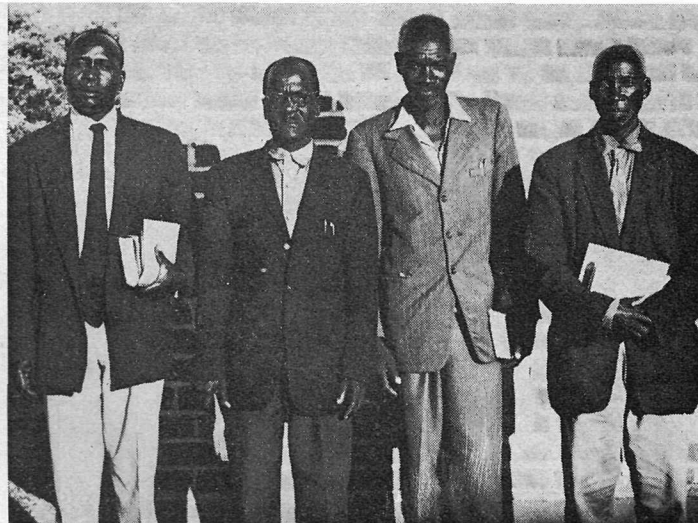
I know the students will be looking forward to the end of Term Two, when they'll have another experience in village visitation.

* * * *

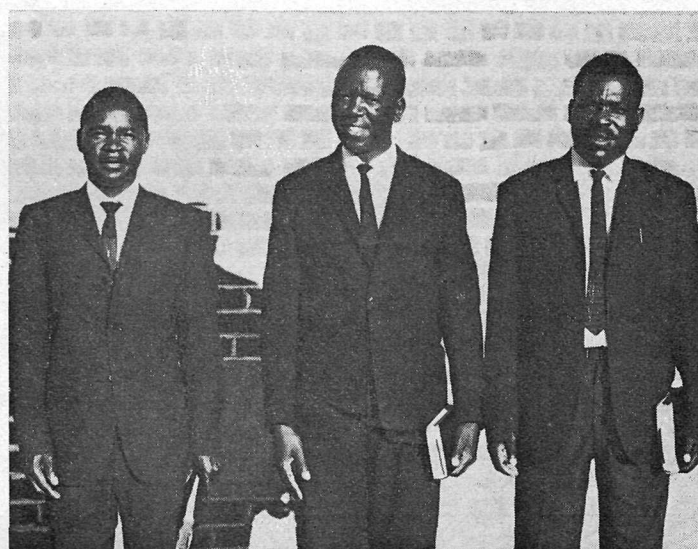
Yes, I learned, too! Living with the students and sleeping on the floor was worth it! Eating mealie mealie porridge three times a day was a new diet too! [Mrs. Keefer writes of learning "the real meaning of not wasting water, when it has to be carried a long distance. The girls would start for it before daybreak."]

Do pray for these students and for their teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Dlodlo, Rev. L. Keefer, and me. Please make use of the new address too!

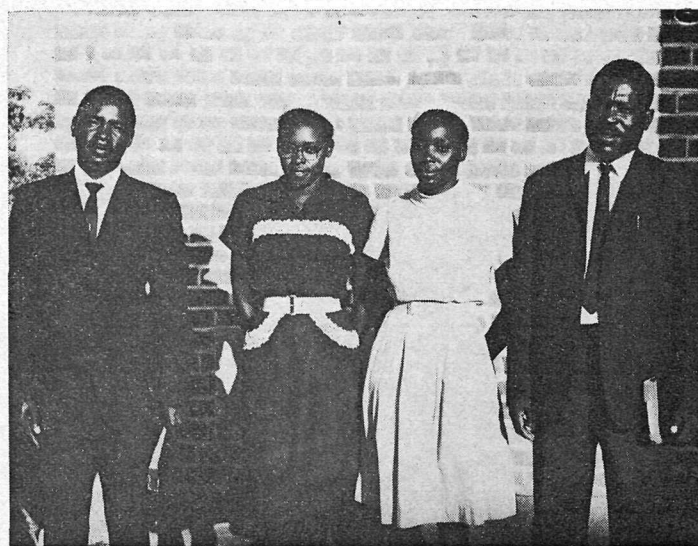
July 28, 1969



Students in Vernacular Refresher Course at Wanezi Bible Institute in January: Jonathan Moyo (pastor), Phambanisa Sibanda (pastor), James Sibanda (evangelist), Sino Dube (pastor).



The Refresher Course gave opportunity for this interesting picture of the first regular national pastors of our three Matebeleland Mission Station congregations. Left to right: Matopo—James Moyo, son of the late lay-preacher, John Moyo, one of the first converts baptized by Elder Jesse Engle; Wanezi—Jonathan Dlodlo, son of Rev. N. Dlodlo (retired). Since Mr. Dlodlo is also on the Bible School Staff, he can no longer serve as pastor at Wanezi; Mtshabezi—Mkubo Dube. All three of these men are also teaching school.



Students in English Refresher Course at WBI in January: James Moyo, Pastor; Kikhanyiso and Mary Sibanda, schoolteachers; (daughters of Overseer Rev. M. Sibanda), and Mkubo Dube.

CHRISTIAN

Youth - Sunday

Teens at Conference

The kick-off of youth activities at the recent General Conference was a Cook-Out on Tuesday evening on the bank of the Minneminggo, near the entrance to the Messiah College campus. Rev. and Mrs. Paul Snyder were in charge, and the Grantham teens, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Keefer, carried the main load of the work. Around 125 were there.

On Wednesday evening at 9:30 the now growing group gathered on the lawn near Hill View Music Hall steps for a Folk-Sing conducted by Dwight Thomas. The featured group were the Expressions from Shenks Church.

Three busloads of excited youth went to Hershey on Thursday afternoon for a tour of the chocolate factory and other nearby points of interest.

On Thursday evening at 10:00, although the kids were tired after a full day, a large group gathered into the church for a special youth prayer meeting directed by Keith Ulery. Both interest and participation were very good.

The Friday bus trip to Gettysburg Battlefield was in competition with the Preliminary Bible Quizzing. As a result, only one busload left the campus. Enthusiastic reports from those who went labelled the trip a huge success.

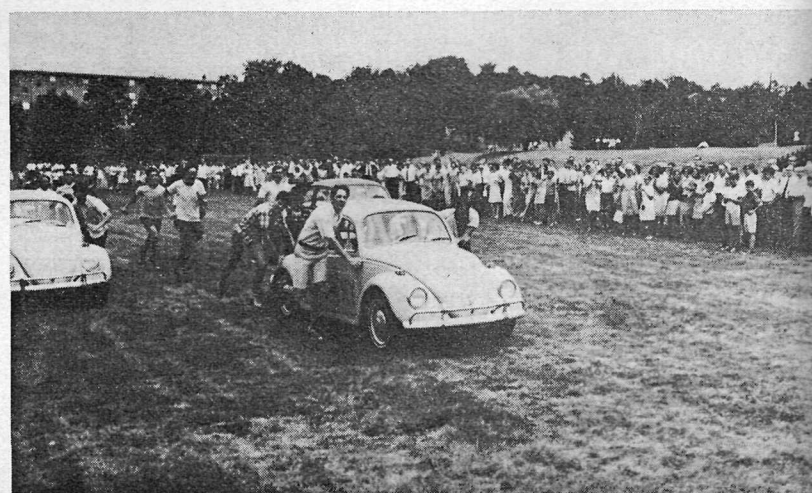
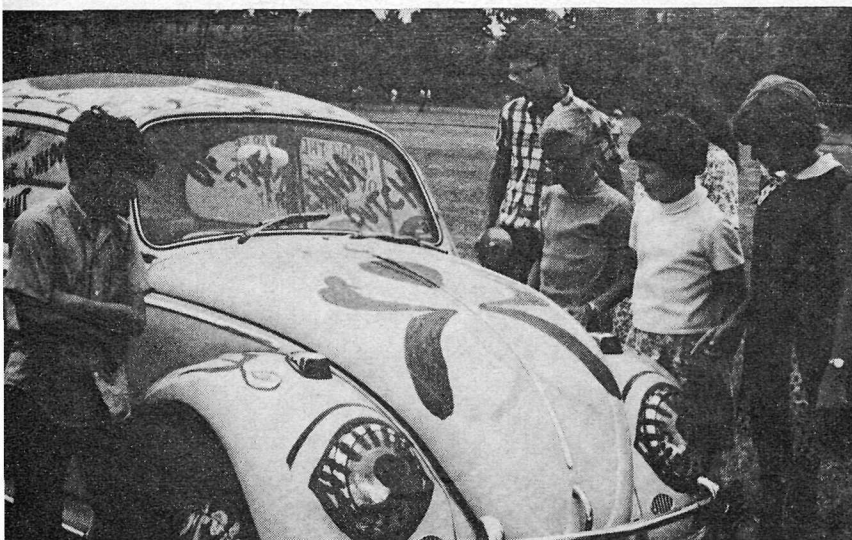
John Arthur Brubaker, National Quiz Director, began the quiz competition on Friday morning at 10:00. Competing were: the California team representing Pacific Conference, the Zion, Kansas, team from Midwest Conference, the Nappanee, Indiana, team for Central Conference, the team from Wainfleet, Ontario, representing Canadian Conference, with the Allegheny Conference having the Grantham, Pa., team in competition, and the team from Lancaster, Pa., coming from the Atlantic Conference.

After much tension, frustration, applause and victories, the Central and Atlantic teams emerged as the finalists. On Saturday night the Atlantic team came out on top and were given the trophy!

A Teenage Happening happened on Saturday afternoon. First came a "bug race," with a Volkswagen being pushed by six fellows from each Conference. After the dust settled, the Allegheny bug was declared first, closely followed by Atlantic and Canadian Conferences. It seemed like everyone at conference was present for this!

Then each Conference took their car away for a two-hour painting contest, using water-soluble paint of course. The quiz coaches were the judges and they found it very difficult to declare a winner. However, Central came first with Atlantic a close second. The Atlantic Youth Council was host to the Saturday events, organizing other games and serving refreshments.

The Commission on Youth has already laid plans for youth action at next year's General Conference in California, and again some new things are brewing.



Parent - Child Relationships

At the Christian Education Congress held at Messiah College on July 1, there was a group session dealing with parent-child relationships. It was an interested, cooperative group. This article is prepared for you who could not attend. It features the basic subject material used at the workshop, with some of the group's observations.

The primary goal in parent-child relationships is to develop and cultivate mutual understanding. Fine, well-meaning parents often close the door to understanding by speaking and acting unwisely. When this happens, the higher goal of raising responsible Christian families, is less likely to be realized.

Since it was impossible to cover the whole field of parent-child relationships in one and one-half hours, the leader prepared three family-life situations which dramatized three different areas, illustrating possible break-downs in communication, resulting in broken parent-child relationships.

Cena Kaufman and Bill Boyer assumed the roles of mother and child, reading first the situation which illustrated the wrong method, discussion followed, then a possible correct solution was read.

FIRST SITUATION—Four year old Mark and his mother.

Mark: I'm hungry, when can I have my breakfast?

Mother: After I give the baby his cereal and egg. You'll have to wait a little while.

Mark: But I'm hungry. I want my breakfast too.

Mother: Now, Mark, you're a big boy. You know how to wait. Susie is just a little baby, she doesn't know how to wait. She'll cry.

Later:

Mark: Mommy, Mommy, come look at this caterpillar! He's climbing up the screen door.

Mother: I can't come now, honey, I'm giving Susie her bath. Come in here with us and watch the baby play with the plastic duck grandma gave her. Come, dear.

Later:

Mother: Mark, I'm sorry but you'll have to stop pounding the peg board. It makes too much noise while Susie is

sleeping. Why don't you get your coloring book and color while the baby is in bed.

Mother: Mark! Mark! You naughty boy. You know better than to color on the kitchen walls. I thought you were a big boy.

Later: While reading a story to Mark.

Oh no, Mark. Susie is awake already. I'll have to change her diaper then start dinner for Daddy. Maybe I can finish your book before you go to bed.

Mother: Mark Jones! What has gotten into you today! How can I read your book when you've torn it all up. You are acting like a baby. What's the matter with you?

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS:

Even though Mother is basically a good mother she is in for rough times if the pattern illustrated continues. She is giving Mark the distinct feeling that the baby comes first. She should not be puzzled when he acts as a baby acts, for obviously this is the only way he can get Mother's attention. Serious rivalry between brothers or sisters can also result from situations such as this. It is a fairly easy situation to correct and certainly worth the effort. A possible right method follows:

Mark: I'm hungry, when can I have my breakfast?

Mother: Of course you're hungry. Why don't you choose your favorite cereal and eat it here beside me while I feed Susie her cereal. Here's your orange juice too. Would you like a straw to drink it with?

Mark: I want some Captain Krinkles. Susie can't eat Captain Krinkles because she is a baby. I must eat it so I can be her strong big brother.

Mother: Susie loves her big brother.

Mark: Could she have just one Captain Krinkle, Mommy?

LATER

Mark: Mommy, Mommy, come look at this caterpillar! He's climbing up the screen door.

Mother: Can you get him off the screen door and bring him here to show Susie too? I think she'd like to see a caterpillar.

Mark: O.K. I'll try not to squash him. Look Mommy. Look Susie. He has fur like our puppy and he's the color of a penny. Don't you like him?

Mother: I like him alot and I like you for sharing him.

Later: Mark is pounding his peg board loudly.

Mother: Mark, bring your peg board and hammer into the kitchen. Susie might get awake if you do it so close to her room. You be a carpenter and I'll be a baker. O.K.?

Mark: Watch Mommy, I hold my hammer just like Daddy.

Discussion:

In this conversation we notice that Mother was able to care for the baby without neglecting Mark's needs. One gets the feeling that each child is equally important and Mark enjoys his "big brother" role. The leader asked the group to suggest a solution for the book-reading episode.

(Continued on page thirteen)

OPPOSITE PAGE—Top to bottom:

The winning Bible Quiz team from the Lancaster Congregation, Atlantic Conference, put on their "victory smiles."

The Atlantic Conference youth developed the Penna. Dutch theme as they place second in the art contest. (Sorry, no picture of the winning Central Conference entry available).

An action shot of the Saturday night finals. The Central Conference team is in the foreground. The Atlantic team on their feet in the background.

Folk music doth hath its charms. A portion of the youth that gathered Wednesday night on the lawn in front of Hillview for an evening of folk music and singing.

A view of the finish of the "bug race" on Saturday afternoon won by the Allegheny Youth before a large crowd.

A Hindu Funeral

Jay Whitwill, R. N.



Christ and the Christian Community make a difference in a widow's lot. Hence the widow of Rev. A. M. Charan is shown teaching second graders at Saharsa Mission School—a useful and satisfying life.

THE HINDU WAY of life is very set and ordered, and so is the way of death and the path to *Nirvana* (state of perfect blessedness—achieved through various transmigrations, leading to extinction of desire).

* * * * *

Recently a TB patient died in the Madhipura Hospital. Following tradition, the widow broke her glass bracelets and scattered the pieces over her husband's body. In a great show of grief she thrashed and rolled about, tearing her hair and sari, wailing ancient prayers to her gods.

Since there were no sons to perform the necessary ritual, a male relative was called in. A litter of green bamboo was made. The emaciated body was wrapped in a new cotton cloth and then carefully tied on the litter.

The procession consisted of the litter with a bearer at each of the four corners, the male relative next, and several of the ever-present holy cows. Lastly came the widow, walking some distance from the rest, in her tattered sari—still wailing tearlessly and loudly, and carrying a large piece of smoldering, smoky cow dung.

The path wound across the fields about a half mile to a small river, which eventually flows into the Hindus' holy Ganges River. There were two rest stops along the way.

On arrival at the river bank a shallow cross was made in the sand. A cowrie shell was placed in the center and one at each point on the north, east, south, and west. The litter was placed on these, the body unwrapped and placed facing the sun. A new pottery jar was filled from the river and the water poured over the body several times. Next the widow was ceremoniously drenched from the same jar, which afterwards was broken. She then put on a new white cotton sari.

A wand of tightly rolled rice straw was made and lit with the smoldering cow dung. This was placed in the widow's hand, then she was led clockwise around the body and litter by the male relative. Each time as she passed the head, she symbolically touched it with the flaming torch, to enable his spirit to be pulled from his body by the *tik*, a tuft of hair grown on the back of the head by every male Hindu and never cut off.

Being very poor the widow could not afford enough wood to cremate the body as is usually done; and so without further ado, the litter was tipped—splash!—into the river, a river which serves all along its banks as a source of drinking water, bathing place for themselves, for washing clothes, and for their water buffalos' daily bath (essential to their health, since they have no pores in their skin).

The funeral party moved up to a shallow spot and took a ceremonial bath. Finishing, the widow led off . . . to a life of oblivion, most probably.

For there isn't much place for a widow in this land . . .

Missions at General Conference



If Brethren in Christ Missions had their beginning at the General Conference of 1894 held at the Bethel Church in Kansas then the 1969 Conference marked the 75th Anniversary of the Brethren in Christ Missionary vision. History states that it was a woman, Rhoda E. Lee, who stirred the church to the missionary vision. Women continue to undergird the missions program by their prayers, money, and their labor as the pictures opposite show.

The Conference photographer caught in the photograph (left) the story of missions. Seated together and together intent on the business of the conference are Walter O. Winger, veteran missionary; Henry Neube, Rhodesian business man and active Christian, a product of Brethren in Christ Missions; Bert Winger, son of Walter, who himself spent a term in Africa; and Joseph Kettering, father of Missionary Anna Kettering.

Voluntary Service Reunion

It was over eight years ago that the first Voluntary Service worker came to New York City. Since then, 57 others have engaged in this rewarding and significant service. They have shared together the heights of blessings and borne together the pressures and distresses that come to every Christian, and especially to those who dare to take the less trodden paths of service and sacrifice. Their vitality and genuine Christian character, coupled with their sincere winning witness, have made them a strong arm of the church work in New York City.

With great enthusiasm the Voluntary Service Workers—former and present—came together for a reunion on May 31, 1969. Former workers came from Oklahoma, Kansas, Ohio, and Pennsylvania to Camp Brookhaven—the natural

place for them to meet because through their help, the camp was purchased.

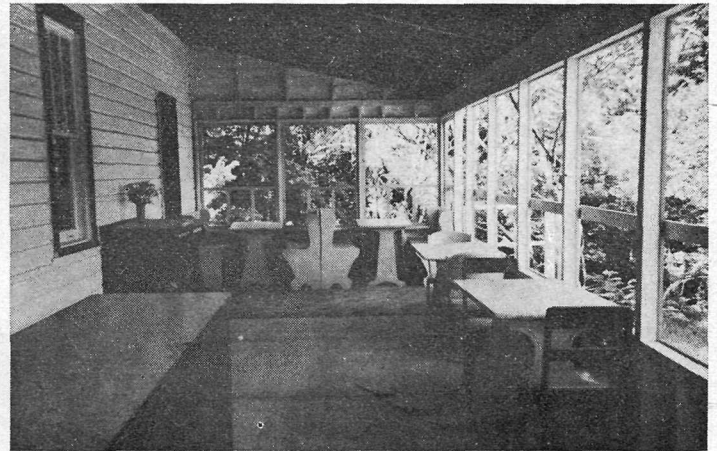
Forty-five workers returned, the married couples bringing their families. While reminiscing of former Voluntary Service experiences, they enjoyed varied activities such as ball games, go-cart riding, boating, and riding the "bicycle built for two." The day was climaxed by a delightful Fellowship Dinner during which a "Money Tree" was presented to the Paul Hills as an expression of appreciation for their ten years of service at Fellowship Chapel.

We believe that God's richest blessings will rest upon these workers and all who shall follow in their train!

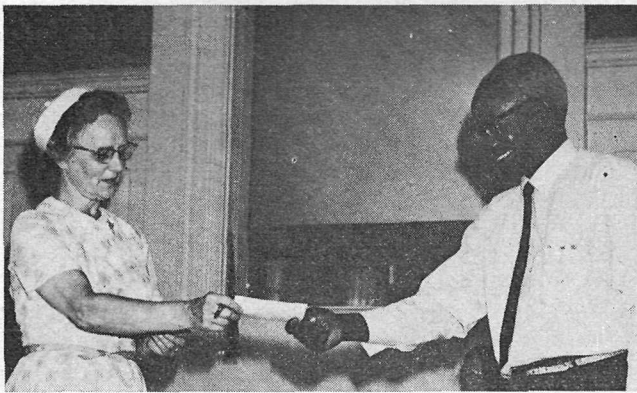
BCM Office



The VS reunion group on lawn at Camp Brookhaven.



The new "snack area" at Camp Brookhaven.



Upper left: Mrs. Lester Haines, presenting check of \$2,196.14 to Henry Ncube for radio-telephone for Africa. Money was raised by Junior Prayer Board.

Lower left: Mrs. Haines presents gift of \$12,037.00 to Peter Willms for missionary housing in Japan—the project of the WMPC.

Above: Henry Ncube receives check from Galen Oakes for \$6,500.00 representing gift of Men's Fellowship for Phumula Hospital.



MESSIAH COLLEGE

Two Music Groups from Messiah College on Tour

Two student teams of musicians are currently representing Messiah College in churches, camps and youth events from coast to coast and in Canada. They are known as the Campus Sings and The Dorian Singers.

The Campus Sings

The Campus Sings, a versatile sextet, is comprised of four men and two women students, all upperclassmen. Members of the ensemble are manager Eldon Sheffer, a senior majoring in religion, from Stayner, Ontario; Dale H. Engle, Hershey, Pa.; James Hain, Elizabethville, Pa.; and Ronald Ludwick, Perkaspie, Pa., religion majors in their junior year; Elma Dourte, a third-year home economics major from Elizabethtown, Pa., and Wanda Lehman, pre-nursing student, from Dearborn Heights, Michigan.



THE CAMPUS SINGS

Ronald Ludwick Elma Dourte James Hain
Dale H. Engle Eldon Sheffer Wanda Lehman

The ensemble's repertoire includes selected contemporary folk songs for teen-age audiences as well as special arrangements of favorite gospel numbers and the historic hymns of the church. Their August schedule includes conferences and youth camps in Pennsylvania (traveling under the auspices of the State Sunday School Association and a three week Western tour. Their schedule for August follows: PSSSA, 1-8; Roxbury, Pa. B. in C. Camp, 10; Red Star, Oklahoma, B. in C. Church, 13; Albuquerque, New Mexico, B. in C. Church, 14; B. in C. Churches and Youth Camp, southern California, 16-24; Navajo Mission, 26; Colorado Springs B. in C. Church, 27; Plea-

sant Hill B. in C. Church, Kansas, 28; Iowa Alumni Chapter Meeting, 29; Millersburg, Pa., United Methodist Church, 31.



DORIAN SINGERS

Gerrene Martin Sue Umberger
Lamar Dourte Dale Engle Wanda Conner

The Dorian Singers

The Dorian Singers, a quintet of vocalists and instrumentalists, present a delightful variety of religious favorites both old and new, including spirituals, gospel songs, hymns and anthems. The ensemble also includes in their repertoire a select number of folk melodies for use by special request. Several combinations within the group further enhance their versatility and permit a wider interpretation of musical selections.

Members of the Dorian Singers are: Dale W. Engle, second year religion major from Manchester, Kansas; Lamar F. Dourte, behavioral science major also in his second year from Manheim, Pennsylvania; Sue Umberger, a sophomore majoring in music education, from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Wanda Conner, a sophomore from Salem, Virginia, also majoring in music education; and Gerrene Martin, a senior from Clayton, Ohio, majoring in behavioral science.

Their August itinerary includes programs in the Abilene area Brethren in Christ churches in Kansas, 1-3; Englewood, Ohio B. in C. Church, 5; Pocono Mountain Bible Conference, 6 and 7; Arrowhead Awana Camp, Brackney, Pa., 8; Winona Lake, Indiana, Bible Conference, 14, 15; Memorial Holiness Camp, West Milton, Ohio, 16-18; Mooretown, Michigan, B. in C. Church, 19; Camp Kahquah (B. in C.), Magnetawana, Ontario, 20-23.



Peter Willms

College Appoints Chaplain

The appointment of Rev. Peter A. Willms as Chaplain for Messiah College has been announced by Dr. D. Ray Hostetter, President of the institution.

Rev. Willms is a graduate of Upland College and has taken advanced work at Fuller Theological Seminary. He with his wife have served as missionaries in Japan from 1953-1969. One of Rev. Willms' assignments during his service in Japan was with College and University students.

Mrs. Willms was the former Mary Guengerich, a member of the Upland congregation. The Willmses have three children, Margaret, 14; Bonnie, 12; and Kenneth, 8.

Rev. Willms begins his association with the College September 1, 1969.

Students in Life Line Mission Ministry

A team of four Messiah College students are engaged in summer activities at the Life Line Mission in San Francisco. Team members (all from central Pennsylvania) are Beth Heisey, Manheim; Martha Siegrist, Lancaster; Norman Mowery, Newville; and Daryl Climenhaga, Cleona.

The students are participating in a variety of activities and services including V.B.S., camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains, Friday evening services at the mission and Saturday night coffee house.

Daryl Climenhaga writes, "We ask for your prayers . . . We want to communicate Christ on playgrounds, at camps and the mission—wherever God wants us."

Enrollment Climbs at Messiah College

Messiah College is now anticipating another record enrollment for the 1969-70 school year. There will be a substantial increase in the total student body, according to a statement from the Director of Admissions, Paul L. Snyder. The residence halls are already filled and the college is making preparation for additional student housing.

OPPOSITE PAGE

Conference recognized eight ministers who received ordination or whose previous ordination was recognized by the Brethren in Christ Church during the past year. Left to right: Martin Schrag, Daniel Chamberlain, William Swartz, Cecil Loney, Dale Allison, Bedsaul Agee, and Roy Musser. John Stoner is not pictured. Rev. Schrag, Rev. Chamberlain, and Rev. Loney had their previous ordinations in other denominations recognized. The others were ordained by the church during the past year.

Inner-City

(Continued from page five)

kind of parable. We have made our money here; now let's get out and leave the problem.

But I happen to think that Christians cannot leave the problem. They may live where they like, but the problem is the problem of all of us. I believe that Jesus Christ is the answer to the problem. But Jesus Christ is not going to get into the inner city let down on a cloud from heaven. He will get there only when He is brought there by responsible and concerned Christian people who are not afraid to get themselves involved in the dirty and distressing side of bringing him there. Our problem is that the church has not yet been convinced that it has to do it, or so half-convinced that it still believes that there are cheap and easy ways of hiring someone to do it. When it becomes a concern on the hearts of all of us with a willingness to pay the full price, it will be done.

Soon after the murder of Martin Luther King our church was being used by an evangelical group for a three hour service. Newark, like most cities, was still a pretty tense place. A committee of ladies came down early to prepare a lunch for the ministers who would be taking part in the service. I was showing the first to arrive around the kitchen facilities when she said to me, "I do hope the

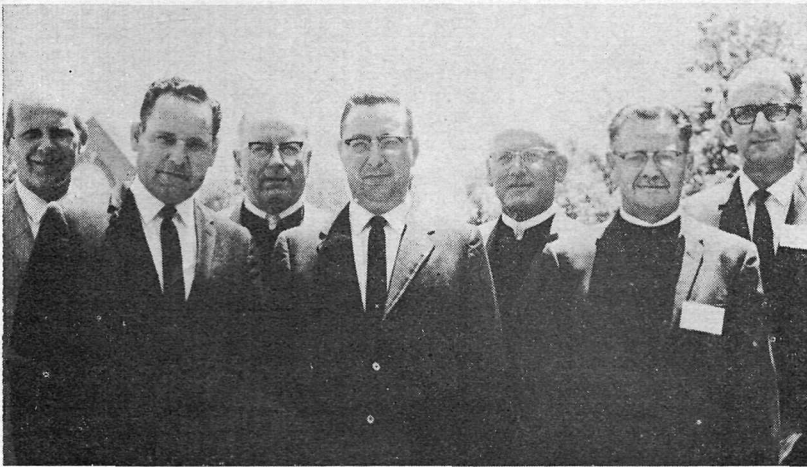
Lord will let us hold this service today."

I was a little puzzled by her remark, so I asked her exactly what she meant. She replied that she hoped that people would be willing to come into the city to go to church. I asked her why not and she answered that most of the church members she knew were afraid to come because they were afraid of the city. Of course, the conversation went on from there to include my reminding her that, located as we were, we rather expected people to come into the city to go to church.

But it was her remark, "Most of the church members I know are afraid to come into the city" that has lingered in my mind. If that be true, we can forget our role in the inner-city because we really don't have any. A church which is afraid of the city has no future in the city. If we are afraid of the people to whom we seek to present Christ, we have no Christ to present.

I am not afraid of the city. I am afraid of the moral cowardice and the spiritual indifference of white middle-class Protestants like the lady with whom I was speaking.

Perhaps like Jonah we have to have the ship go out from under us before we will realize that God means business when He tells us to go to Nineveh in His Name.



Ministerial Credentials Board: left to right; Marion Heisey, Virgil Books, Edward Gilmore, Roy Peterman, Cyrus Lutz, Elam Dohner, and Alden Long.



Parent—Child Relationships

(Continued from page nine)

One excellent suggestion was that the mother simply tell the remaining part of the story. She could take care of the baby, start dinner and keep Mark happy as well.

SECOND SITUATION: Ten year old Jim and his mother.

Jim: Hey, Mom, could I ride my bike to the shopping center and spend the dollar Grandma sent me?

Mother: Oh, I don't think you can do that all by yourself.

Jim: Sure I can, it's just three blocks away. I'll be careful.

Mother: But it's such a busy street, Jim, I'm not sure. Why don't you wait until I get this ironing done, then I'll take you.

Jim: Aw, Mom. I wanted to do it myself. You never let me do anything.

Mother: I'm sorry, Jim, but I'll just feel better if I know you are safe. We can eat lunch at the cafeteria to make up for your disappointment.

Jim: Naw, forget it, Mom. I don't want to go anymore. I guess I'll save the dollar.

This is a situation illustrating a very important need, that of knowing when and how to untie the apron strings. It is a philosophy that should underlie all parent-child relationships and should begin in seemingly insignificant areas when the child is small. If a child is allowed to make his own choices and decisions, in areas comparable to his age, the foundation is being laid early for healthy independence. Some sample choices are; the blue shirt or yellow shirt, vanilla or strawberry ice cream, washing or drying the dishes. Many parents continue to make these simple decisions for their growing children and rob them of necessary training towards self-confidence. Jim's mother was obviously this type, and she may have been right in denying Jim this privilege but only because she had failed in preparing him for it. Boys especially need experience at "trying their wings."

(Next month's issue will carry a completion of this article.)

CHURCH NEWS

ALLEGHENY CONFERENCE

Fairview Avenue Brethren in Christ Church, Waynesboro, Pa., reports that Rev. Robert B. Collitt of Hagerstown was the guest speaker at the Father-Son Banquet at Zullinger Community Center June 14 with 63 present. Rev. Charles Norman was the guest speaker June 29th when ten were received into church fellowship: nine by profession of faith and one by letter.

Some interesting news on Vacation Bible Schools throughout the conference reported the purpose for which offerings were received: *Morning Hour Chapel* provided 11 Bibles for native ministers in Africa at \$10 per Bible; *Mt. Holly Springs* made seven Christmas Bundles and included \$7 to buy New Testaments in the language of the country to which they are sent; *Locust Grove* is sending 11 children from New York to Camp.

Baltimore, Md., reports there were twenty confessions among its youth, six baptisms and two church accessions.

On June 4 Bishop Henry Ginder held an election which resulted in David Sentz being elected as the second deacon of the *Locust Grove* congregation. July 8 Miss Erma Hare cooked an Indian meal for a Sunday school class and on July 9 was guest speaker of the WMPC.

The Music Committee of the *Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church* announces that Mr. Ronald Miller, presently teaching music at Messiah College, has accepted the position as Minister of Music to the *Carlisle* congregation, beginning September 1, 1969. Mr. Vernon Martin, the former Minister of Music resigned from these duties, effective August 30, 1969.



Raymond Peterman, treasurer of the *Carlisle* congregation, hands a check for \$245.00 to Mrs. Wilmer Lehman, Director of the Summer Bible School to be sent the Board for World Missions. The average attendance of the Bible school was 171. Also pictured in the photograph are Carol Deihl and Scott Winger.

Bishop Henry Ginder announced in his *Allegheny Echo* that there is new life in the *Oliver Three Mission Church*—Rev. Charles Rife held a week's meeting with the new pastor, Kenneth Gibson. They reported an average attendance of fifty-five. One night twenty-five young people came to the altar. Twelve were baptized.

Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Bouch have accepted the invitation to serve as pastor and wife at *Blandburg, Pa.*

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

Congratulations are in order to the Quiz Team of the *Lancaster Church* on their achievement the Saturday night of Conference. They did a splendid job.

Bishop Byers reports: Rev. Richard Gordon installed as pastor at *Bethel Springs, Pa.*, July 13; Rev. Isaac Kanode installed as pastor of the *Manheim Church* July 20; Rev. Leonard Falk will serve as interim pastor of the *Stowe* congregation; Rev. Larry Strouse has accepted the invitation to pastor the *Adney Gap* congregation at Adney Gap, Va.

Rev. Paul Hill of *Fellowship Chapel*, Bronx, New York has accepted the call to be superintendent of the *San Francisco Mission work*.

Rev. Arthur Brubaker has accepted an invitation to serve the *Shenks* congregation as interim pastor for one year.

Seven persons followed the Lord in baptism June 22 in the *Lancaster Brethren in Christ Church*.

On May 31 Kenneth Keefer, who is working with the World Relief program in Vietnam, gave an illustrated talk at *Free Grace Church*. He also showed the picture, "War without Guns." Kenneth went back to Vietnam, after a brief leave, for another year. On June 4 Anna Kettering, missionary from Africa, showed slides and spoke at *Free Grace Missionary Circle*; June 8, Rev. Edgar Keefer, pastor at *Duncannon, Pa.*, gave an illustrated talk on his recent trip to the Holy Land.

Dr. C. N. Hostetter, Jr., spoke to the *Bellevue Park Brethren in Christ Church*, Harrisburg, Pa., on the topic "What Age is Proper for Children to be Baptized and Join the Church?"

The first week's offering of \$132.19 of the V.B.S. at *Fairland, Pa.*, was designated as projects, \$55.39 for Radio-Telephone sets for Africa and \$76.80 for Bibles for *San Francisco*. The *Palmyra Brethren in Christ Church* V.B.S. offering went toward the purchase of a freezer for use of the *Brooklyn Unit* in New York. Members were encouraged to donate frozen food to stock the freezer.

This item from the *Manor Bulletin, Pa.* for July 6, 1969: Title: "Vacation Bible School"—Crafts and Bible Stories?—Oh yes! We do crafts and hear stories at VBS. We play some games when it's recess; We have lots of fun at VBS! But I like the very end, I quietly sit with my good friend—The Pastor tells of Christ's love for all—Little, middlesized or tall. (7 year old VBSer)

CANADIAN CONFERENCE

"The Word for the World" was the theme for the *Wainfleet* Missionary Convention, June 13-15. Speakers were Rev. and Mrs. Lamar Fretz, home from Zambia; Rev. and Mrs. John Sider, missionaries to India; and Dr. Robert Finley, president of International Students. Dr. Finley brought the challenge of the missionary work that lies within our large universities with the International students, during their time of studying in America. The Christ's Crusaders had a car wash and "slave day" to raise money for a piano for the church.

CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The *Nappanee, Indiana* Quiz team represented the Central Conference in the national finals. The team defeated all other conference teams up to the Saturday evening finals, when they were defeated by *Lancaster*. They brought home the silver second place trophy. Gene Thomas was awarded a \$50 scholarship as high point quizzier for *Nappanee*.

Rev. and Mrs. Louis Cober with their family leave *Chestnut Grove, Ohio*, to pastor the *Highland* congregation, West Milton, Ohio.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel Hollingsworth and family have been welcomed into the church membership at *Chestnut Grove* and will serve as pastor while pursuing his seminary studies at *Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, Ohio*.

The Marvin Keller family will pastor the *Dayton, Ohio, Church* while the Clarence Brubaker family have moved east to pastor the *Cedar Springs, Pa. Church*.

Dr. Archie Penner, a teacher at *Malone College, Canton, Ohio*, will pastor the *Sippo Valley* congregation. Rev. Marion Berg the present pastor plans to remain in the area.

The Rev. Bert Wingers have accepted an invitation to pastor the *Leonard* congregation in Michigan.

Six were received into the membership of the church at *Pomeroy Chapel* Smithville, Tennessee.

The offering project of the *Christian Union* V.B.S. was to help with the cost of the missionary children attending school in Japan.

The offering project of *Nappanee, Indiana*, V.B.S. was to raise money to buy a deep freeze for the *Wolgumuths* in Nicaragua. \$125.00 was given for this.

Abilene Church Breaks Ground

Mrs. David S. Wenger removes a shovelful of earth in the ground-breaking services for the new *Abilene (Kansas) Brethren in Christ Church* held at the new site, June 8. Pastor Glenn A. Hensel (back to camera) and Rev. M. M. Book look on.

The new building will be located at Eleventh and Buckeye, three blocks north of the present location. Construction is scheduled for completion by the end of 1969.



MIDWEST CONFERENCE

The *Dallas Center* congregation, Iowa, reports there were ten new members taken into the church. The film entitled "The Life Line" was shown and well received.

On June 28-29 Rev. Henry F. Landis from Thomas, Oklahoma, was guest speaker at the Lovefeast in *Dallas Center*, Iowa. The D.V.-B.S. project was raising money for bicycles for India missionaries. There were two purchased. The offering amounted to \$77.72.

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

Sandia Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico, reports their D.V.B.S. project was to buy a bicycle for India—offering \$47.91.

The missionary project for the *Upland, California* D.V.B.S. was Christmas Bundles for overseas distribution—\$150.00, Toys for Pacific State Hospital and play equipment for use in the home church. A group met in the fellowship lounge of the church, June 11, to help Miss Miriam Frey pack for her return to Africa as a missionary teacher. She received many useful gifts and about \$70.00 in a cash gift.

Births

BERT—Eric Lynn, born April 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bert, Air Hill congregation, Chambersburg, Pa.

BRILLINGER—Shirley Rosetta, born March 8, chosen daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brillinger, Oak Ridges congregation, Ontario, Canada.

CAMPBELL—Pamela Jane, born May 21 to Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell, jr., Oak Ridges congregation, Ontario, Canada.

ETZWEILER—Mark Timothy, born July 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Etzweiler, Free Grace congregation, Millersburg, Pa.

GEESAMAN—Tina Rae, born June 14 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Geesaman, Waynesboro congregation, Pa.

HESS—Charlotte Nadine, born June 13 to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hess, Waynesboro congregation, Pa.

HOSTETTER—Karen Elaine, born June 19 to Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Hostetter, Free Grace congregation, Millersburg, Pa.

NAGY—Tessa Leigh, born June 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nagy, Ridgeway, Ontario.

SHERK—Gerald Leon, Jr., born June 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Sherk, Sr. Nappanee congregation, Indiana.

SMITH—Leanne Marie, born March 31 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, Oak Ridges congregation, Ontario, Canada.

TAYLOR—Scott Douglas, born June 28 to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Taylor, Sherkston congregation, Crystal Beach, Ontario, Canada.

WEAVER—Jennifer Lyn, born June 19; received for adoption June 21, by Mr. and Mrs. William Weaver, Nappanee congregation, Ind.

WILLIAMS—Bryan Ray, born June 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams, Montgomery congregation, Pa.

WINGER—Neil David, born March 1 to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Winger, Oak Ridges congregation, Ontario, Canada.

SEYMOUR—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seymour, Stevensville, Ontario, wish to announce the final adoption of their son, Mark William.

Weddings

BORG-BURSE—Miss Joyce Burse, daughter of Mrs. Pearl Burse, Ridgeway, Ontario, became

the bride of Mr. Fred Borg of Port Colborne, Ontario, June 21, 1969. The ceremony was performed in the Sherkston Brethren in Christ Church with Rev. Robert J. Rolston officiating.

DAYTON-SIDER—Miss Lucille Sider, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Sider, Oak Ridges, Ontario, was united in marriage to Mr. Donald Dayton, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wilbur Dayton, Wilmore, Kentucky, at Marquand Chapel, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Connecticut, June 9, 1969. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father assisted by the father of the bride. Dr. W. Towner and Dr. Robert Sider also shared in the worship service at this marriage.

EBERLY-CLEVER—Miss Linda Lou Clever, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Clever, Greencastle, Pa., and Mr. Larry Lee Eberly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Eberly, Greencastle, Pa., were united in marriage June 22, 1969, at the Faith Temple Church, Cearfoss, Md. The Rev. James Powers officiated with Rev. Leroy Eberly assisting.

WENGER-MUSSER — Miss Pauline Musser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Musser, Shipensburg, Pa., became the bride of Mr. Ray Wenger, son of Mrs. Alma Wenger, Greencastle, Pa., June 7, 1969. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Roger Witter assisted by Rev. Ralph Wenger, brother of the bridegroom, in the Air Hill Brethren in Christ Church, Chambersburg, Pa.

WENGER-JONES—Miss Susanne Elaine Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jones, Hummelstown, Pa., and Mr. Carl Dennis Wenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wenger, Waynesboro, Pa., were united in marriage June 14, 1969. The ceremony was performed in the Hummelstown Brethren in Christ Church with Pastor Isaac Kanode officiating.

Obituaries

BINGHAM—John Bingham, Oak Ridges, Ontario, Canada, was born January 12, 1909, in Ayrshire, Scotland, and departed this life May 23, 1969. He was converted in the early days of the Oak Ridges Sunday School. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife Effie; one daughter, Mrs. Rod Mabley; and one son, Barry; one granddaughter; also three sisters and two brothers, all of Scotland.

Funeral services were conducted from the Thompson Aurora Funeral Home by his pastor, Rev. James Sider. Interment was in the Aurora Cemetery.

HOLSBERG—J. Irwin Holsberg, age 79, Elizabethtown, Pa., died April 9, 1969. He was born December 2, 1889 in Dauphin County, Pa., the son of the late John and Emma Espenshade Holsberg.

Surviving are his wife, Sara Wolgemuth Daveler Holsberg, to whom he was united in marriage May 24, 1954; a stepson, Harold S. Daveler of Vientiane, Laos; a step-daughter, Lona Daveler Shelly, East Petersburg, Pa.; and a sister. He was a member of the Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren. Funeral services were held from the Boyer Funeral Home, Elizabethtown, with Rev. Nevin H. Zuck, and Dr. Ralph W. Schlosser officiating. Interment was in Mt. Tunnel Cemetery, Elizabethtown, Pa.

KEEFER—Mary Alice Keefer, 88, a guest at the Messiah Home, Harrisburg, died June 19, 1969, after an accident in which she was badly burned.

She joined the Brethren in Christ Church at Free Grace, Millersburg, Pa., in 1900 and was active as a Sunday school teacher for many years. Loved by all, Aunt Alice, as she was called by all who knew her, will be

greatly missed. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. John Lebo, of the Messiah Home, and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held in the Free Grace Church with Rev. Edgar Keefer and Rev. Glenn Hostetter officiating. Burial was in Free Grace Cemetery.

WENGER—Mrs. Ruth Niesley Wenger, wife of Rev. Roy H. Wenger, Carlisle, Pa., passed away June 24, 1969, at the age of 67. She was born February 17, 1902, in Carlisle the daughter of the late John W. and Elizabeth B. Niesley. She was married to Rev. Roy H. Wenger March 3, 1922. She was a life long member of the Brethren in Christ Church in Carlisle, where she worked with her husband for more than twenty-six years while he served as pastor. For many years she was a Sunday school teacher and took a vital interest in developing the music program of the church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, William Niesley Wenger, Gardeners, Pa.; one daughter, Mrs. John G. Hatfield, Camp Hill, Pa.; one brother and eight grandchildren.

The funeral service was held from the Roth Funeral Home, Carlisle, with her pastor, Rev. W. Winger, officiating. Burial was in the Cumberland Valley Memorial Gardens.



Rev. Jesse W. Wenger
(obituary appeared in June 30 issue)

News Items

Dr. Henry Appointed To Seminary Post

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, founding editor of *Christianity Today*, the evangelical fortnightly, has been named a visiting professor of theology at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, effective next fall.

The announcement was made by Dr. J. Lester Harnish, president of the American Baptist institution.

Dr. Henry, who resigned as active editor of *Christianity Today* more than a year ago, has spent the last few months studying at Cambridge University, England. He continues as an editor-at-large for the magazine.

Tri-County Sale Nets \$34,400

A total of \$34,400 to be used in overseas relief projects was presented to the Mennonite Central Committee by the Tri-County Relief Sale Committee at a dinner meeting held Tuesday, May 27, 1969. The presentation was made by Tri-County treasurer Paul Hoover.

The treasurer's report shows that the quilt auction netted \$9,699 and the food sales cleared \$14,595. More expenses were paid by individuals and church groups this year than ever before, keeping sale expenses to a minimum.

News Items

Eighteen Attend June Orientation

Eighteen volunteers attended the June 17-July 1, 1969 orientation sessions at Mennonite Central Committee headquarters, Akron, Pa., before leaving for their various assignments. Of these fifteen have volunteered for overseas assignments and three are entering U.S. and Canadian voluntary service assignments.

Among the eighteen was Marlin K. Stoner, East Berlin, Pa., who received his B.A. in history from Messiah College before volunteering for a two-year service assignment at the Woodlands School in B.C., Canada. Marlin will be teaching the mentally retarded. He is a member of the Morning Hour Chapel (Brethren in Christ), East Berlin, Pa.

Russian Christians Ask UN for Help

A petition signed by 60 Russian Orthodox believers in the city of Gorky has been received by United Nations Secretary General U Thant.

The appeal for help, forwarded to the UN by the Centre Orthodox d'Information in Meudon, France, requests the assistance of the international body to allow the Russian believers to have at least one Orthodox church in Gorky.

Before the revolution that city had more than 40 churches for its 110,000 inhabitants. Today the city has absorbed many surrounding villages and with a population of 1.2 million people has only three churches.

Lutheran Planner Would Keep Rural Churches

A social scientist now in the Methodist ministry laments the demise of hundreds of rural churches each year and says more should be done to keep them alive.

Dr. Lyle E. Schaller, writing in the current issue of The Lutheran Magazine, says country churches are fulfilling a vital need, even though they may be struggling and uneconomical.

When small schools and stores close provision is made for the citizenry he wrote. But when a country church closes, residents are less likely to drive to an urban congregation where they would be reluctant to become a part of the worshipping community there.

Tax Structure Change Might Affect Church Giving

The chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee of Congress has proposed a number of changes in tax laws that affect charitable contributions. One is a floor of three per cent on such gifts.

Rep. Wilbur Mills' proposal would allow no federal income tax deduction on the first three per cent of a tithe. If a person gave \$1,000 to the church out of a \$10,000-a-year income no deduction would be allowed therefor on the first \$300.

Movie Control Bill Passed By Pennsylvania House

Pennsylvania's House of Representatives has approved amendments to a movie control bill making it unlawful to show persons under 18 "any motion picture showing any part of the human body that when exposed in person in a public place would be a crime."

The management of moving picture houses showing such pictures to youngsters would be liable for a penalty of \$2,000 in fines and two years in prison.

Missouri Synod Suspends Pastor Involved in "Charismatic" Controversy

The Rev. C. Donald Pfotenhauer, whose congregation divided and lost its church in a controversy over the charismatic movement, has been suspended from the ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

The action was taken by President Martin W. Lieske of Synod's Minnesota South District after Pastor Pfotenhauer had been warned he would be suspended unless he conformed his theology to accepted Lutheran practice.

Guitar "Got Religion" In Time of David

Those who would argue that guitar-playing at religious services is a modern-day innovation are not going far enough back in history, according to "The War Cry," official publication of the Salvation Army.

Jim Dwyer, in an article entitled "The Guitar Gets Religion," maintained that the instrument is "religiously traditional, being quite similar to the instruments played by David and the psalmists of Israel."

For Haggai Crusade, One Million Indonesian Homes Visited

An invitation to an evangelistic crusade and a gospel message will be personally placed in a million homes of the Indonesian capital city, Jakarta, in preparation for the October crusade led by John Haggai.

Leading the visitation team effort will be Roy Robertson, staff member of The Navigators and veteran of more than 20 years in Asian missions. He said enthusiasm among local church leaders is "at an all time high." The huge Russian built sports stadium, seating more than 50,000 has been engaged for the period Oct. 2-18.

Archaeologist Seeks Jeroboam's Calf

King Jeroboam of Israel once ordered that two golden calves be made—one for Bethel and the other in Dan for the Israelites.

A man of God destroyed the golden calf at Bethel, but what happened to the other image?

Dr. Abraham Biran is now digging at Tel Dan in high hopes that he will find the missing golden calf which Jeroboam placed in the ancient holy city of Dan.

85 Per Cent Want Pornography Curbs Tightened

While feeling that subjects of sex should be dealt with frankly and objectively, most Americans favor stricter laws on pornography, according to the Gallup Poll in Princeton, New Jersey.

Some 85 per cent of the people questioned said they wanted tougher state and local laws dealing with obscene literature sent through the mails and 76 in every 100 people polled wanted a stricter stand on the kind of magazines and newspapers available at newsstands.

Judge Weeps As Boy Sentenced

A 14-year-old boy was found by Superior Court Judge Charles Z. Smith, Seattle, guilty of first-degree murder and of five counts of robbery and one of attempted robbery.

As he sentenced the boy, Shane White, Judge Smith broke down and wept. For several minutes he was unable to continue.

He urged that "extraordinary care be taken to provide meaningful, realistic and structured treatment and that the boy be protected against himself and the community."

"He is a product not merely of his own doing, but a product of our society and of his family," the judge said. He asked that others in the family seek help so they might not follow the same pattern.

Complete New English Bible Will Be Available in March

The complete New English Bible will be available in March, 1970, according to a joint announcement made in New York City by Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press.

In 1961 the New Testament of the New English Bible was issued. Seven million copies have been sold. Translation of the Old Testament and the Apocrypha will complete the version which was launched in 1947 by the universities.

No Vatican Ambassador

Like his predecessor, President Richard M. Nixon has decided not to dispatch a full-time U. S. envoy to the Vatican.

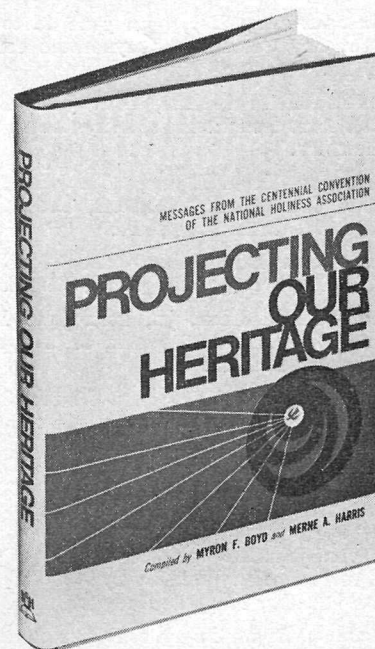
Mr. Nixon told the pope of his decision through Peter Flanigan, presidential assistant. He does plan to remain in close touch and communication with the Vatican, however, through frequent visits by presidential emissaries.

The Vatican maintains an Apostolic Delegate in Washington who does not have diplomatic status and is not accredited to the U. S. Government.

1428 Bible Auctioned for \$204,000

A 541-year-old Bible brought \$204,000 at an auction held in London. The purchase was made by a New York rare-book dealer.

H. K. Kraus took home with him the precious copy of Scriptures written on 682 leaves of vellum in northern Italy about 1428 for Niccolo Cardinal Albergati.



The new NHA book for 1969 which contains the papers presented at the historic Centennial Convention of NHA.

Price \$3.50.

Available at all Christian Light Book Stores.